Concreting the M. S. Road.

309 *MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR : Will the Government be pleased to state ;

(*a*) whether there is a proposal to give a bonus to the Combined Construction Co., for concreting the M. S. road ; and

(*b*) if so, the amount proposed to be given as bonus and the reasons for the same ?

MR. I. C. CHACKO : (*a*) No.

(*b*) This does not arise in view of answer to part (*a*).

Government English High School, Quilon.

310 *MR. K. G. GOVINDAN (*Pattanamtitta*): Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the number of pupils in the Government English School, (High School and Middle School classes together) Quilon in 1115 ;

(*b*) the number of pupils in the same school in Mithunam 1117 ; and

(*c*) the number of teachers in the same school in 1115 and that in Mithunam 1117 ?

MR. A. GOPALA MENON : (*a*) 553.

(*b*) 508.

(*c*) *1115* 17

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Expenditure on P. W. D. Works.

311. *MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether rules have been framed by the Government which fix the proportion of the sanctioned expenditure by the P. W. D on works in different quarters of the year ;

(*b*) whether these rules have been violated by the department in all previous years ;

(*c*) the object of Government in framing these rules ; and

(*d*) if the answer to part (*b*) is in the affirmative, whether they find any justification for insisting on such rules ?

MR. I. C. CHACKO : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The rules are being followed as far as possible.

(*c*) To distribute the expenditure in the quarters of the year so as to avoid rush of expenditure at the end.

(*d*) This does not arise.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI : Sir, with reference to part (*b*), whether these rules have been violated by the department in all previous years, the answer given is 'the rules are being followed as far as possible.' Sir, this is not an answer to my question.

MR. I. C. CHACKO : There were certain variations. But we are trying to follow the rules as far as possible.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI : May I know from the honourable member whether in any one of the previous years, these rules have not been violated ?

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MR. I. C. CHACKO: It is not a question of violation. We are trying our best to keep up the percentage which is fixed for the quarter.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know whether in any one year the department has been able to act according to these rules?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: I am not in possession of that information, Sir,

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: Sir, my question is quite clear, whether these rules have been followed by the department in all previous years.

PRESIDENT: The importance attached by the honourable member is to 'all previous years'. Apparently he is willing to concede 'many previous years'.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: To part (*d*) of the question: if the answer to part (*b*) is in the affirmative, whether they find any justification for insisting on such rules, the answer is 'this does not arise'.

PRESIDENT: That is, if a rule is disobeyed the justification of the rule does not disappear. The justification for enforcing the rule is enhanced.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: I was compelled to ask this question, because I see from the Government publications that in all previous years up to this moment these rules have been violated.

PRESIDENT: The honourable member has rendered public service by bringing these to the notice of Government, but these questions do not take anyone anywhere. For the reason that the rules were presumably enacted because they were considered necessary and the Department of Public Works has not followed them, steps will have to be taken to see that they are followed.

New works under Communications in Kartikapalli taluk.

312. *MR. G. VELU PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of new works under Communications, in Kartikapalli taluk, provided for in the budget for 1117; and

(*b*) the number and names of such works taken up this year?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: (*a*) 8.

(*b*) 1. Reconstruction of the 9th mile bridge in Mavelikara-Thrikunnapuhza road.

MR. G. VELU PILLAI: May I know why the remaining seven works were not taken up this year?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: All the other seven are ryots' roads. Lands required for these roads have not been formally handed over to the department.

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